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What is claimed is:

1. A rendering method, comprising:
5 identifying an application employed to generate a digital document in a computer system;
identifying a select rendering application from a number of rendering applications in the computer system to render the document into an output file embodied in a predefined file format; and
10 automatically rendering the digital document into the output file embodied in the predefined file format with the select rendering application.

2. The rendering method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
15 receiving the digital document from a client device along with a rendering request.

3. The rendering method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
20 transmitting the digital document rendered in the output file embodied in the predefined file format to a client device.

4. The rendering method of claim 1, wherein the step of automatically
25 rendering the digital document into the output file in the predefined file format with the select rendering application further comprises rendering the digital document into a printer compatible output file embodied in a language native to a predefined printer.

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5. The rendering method of claim 1, wherein the step of automatically

rendering the digital document into the output file in the predefined file format with the select rendering application further comprises:

setting a global print setting associated with the select rendering application to print to the output file;

5 generating an instance of the select rendering application to automatically render the digital document into the output file; and

commanding the instance of the select rendering application to perform a print operation on the digital document.

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6. The rendering method of claim 5, wherein the step of setting the global print setting associated with the select rendering application to print to the output file further comprises rewriting a global print setting associated with a number of instances of the select rendering application for printing to the output file.

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7. The rendering method of claim 6, further comprising synchronizing an initiation of the print operation of the instance of the select rendering application with a number of other initiations of print operations for other instances of the select rendering application.

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8. A program embodied in a computer readable medium for document rendering, comprising:

25 code that identifies an application employed to generate a digital document in a computer system;

code that identifies a select rendering application from a number of rendering applications in the computer system to render the document into an output file embodied in a predefined file format; and

30 code that automatically executes the select rendering application to render the digital document into the output file embodied in the predefined file format.

9. The program embodied in a computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein the code that automatically executes the select rendering application to render the digital document into the output file embodied in the predefined file format further comprises code that automatically executes the select rendering application to render the digital document into the output file embodied in a language native to a predefined printer.

10. The program embodied in a computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein the code that automatically executes the select rendering application to render the digital document into the output file embodied in the predefined file format, further comprises:

code that sets a global print setting associated with the select rendering application to print to the output file;

code that generates an instance of the select rendering application;

and

code that applies a command to the instance of the select rendering application to perform a print operation on the digital document.

11. The program embodied in a computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein the code that sets the global print setting associated with the select rendering application to print to the output file further comprises code that rewrites a global print setting associated with a number of instances of the select rendering application for printing to the output file.

12. The program embodied in a computer readable medium of claim 11, further comprising code that synchronizes an initiation of the print operation of the instance of the select rendering application with a number of other initiations of print operations for other instances of the select rendering application.

13. A rendering system, comprising:
a processor circuit having a processor and a memory;
a rendering service executable by the processor and stored in the
memory, the rendering service comprising:

- 5 logic that identifies an application employed to generate a
digital document in a computer system;
logic that identifies a select rendering application from a
number of rendering applications in the computer system to render the
document into an output file embodied in a predefined file format; and
10 logic that automatically executes the select rendering
application to render the digital document into the output file embodied in the
predefined file format.

14. The rendering system of claim 13, wherein the logic that automatically
executes the select rendering application to render the digital document into the
output file embodied in the predefined file format further comprises logic that
automatically executes the select rendering application to render the digital
document into the output file embodied in a language native to a predefined printer.

15. The rendering system of claim 13, wherein the logic that automatically
executes the select rendering application to render the digital document into the
output file embodied in the predefined file format, further comprises:

- 25 logic that sets a global print setting associated with the select
rendering application to print to the output file;
logic that generates an instance of the select rendering application;
and
logic that applies a command to the instance of the select rendering
30 application to perform a print operation on the digital document.

16. The rendering system of claim 15, wherein the logic that sets the

global print setting associated with the select rendering application to print to the output file further comprises logic that rewrites a global print setting associated with a number of instances of the select rendering application for printing to the output file.

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17. The rendering system of claim 16, further comprising logic that synchronizes an initiation of the print operation of the instance of the select rendering application with a number of other initiations of print operations for other instances of the select rendering application.

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18. A rendering system, comprising:

means for identifying an application employed to generate a digital document in a computer system;

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means for identifying a select rendering application from a number of rendering applications in the computer system to render the document into an output file embodied in a predefined file format; and

means for automatically executing the select rendering application to render the digital document into the output file embodied in the predefined file format.

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19. The rendering system of claim 18, wherein the means for

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automatically executing the select rendering application to render the digital document into the output file embodied in the predefined file format further comprises means for automatically executing the select rendering application to render the digital document into the output file embodied in a language native to a predefined printer.

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20. The rendering system of claim 18, wherein the means for automatically executing the select rendering application to render the digital

document into the output file embodied in the predefined file format, further comprises:

- means for setting a global print setting associated with the select rendering application to print to the output file;
- 5 means for generating an instance of the select rendering application;
- and
- means for applying a command the instance of the select rendering application to perform a print operation on the digital document.

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